

# REPORT OF THE NEW INSURANCE OFFICE

Commissioner Drake Tells of Establishment of Department.

## INTERPRETATION OF LAW

Licenses Issued to 144 Companies Desiring to Do Business in District—Examination of National Insurance Company—Desires a Larger Force.

Mr. Thomas E. Drake, Superintendent of Insurance, has forwarded to the District Commissioners his report of the operations of his department for the fiscal year ended June 30 last. Mr. Drake also appended a statement of the expenditures necessary for the conduct of the office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902.

Attention is called to the fact that the work of the department extended over only a part of the fiscal year, the office having been created by Congress under the act of March, 1901, to go into effect January 1, 1902.

Mr. Drake says that the law was not clear, or at least not well understood, and that it became necessary for him, before sending out the qualifying documents, to issue an official ruling bearing upon licenses.

Interpretation of the Law. This ruling is quoted in full in the report and lays down the interpretation put upon sections 646, 654 and 655 of the District Code in regard to insurance licenses.

Under this ruling all companies issuing only their own policies pay a license fee of \$10. Local and foreign companies desiring to act as agents for other companies pay \$50. Foreign companies represented by a principal or policy writing agent pay \$50. The principal or policy writing agent pays a fee of \$50. The broker's license is \$50. The solicitor's license is \$5 and the solicitor's license limited to one company is \$2.

Companies Licensed. "From January 1, to July 1," says Mr. Drake, "224 insurance companies, associations and fraternal orders applied for admission to do business in the District of Columbia. On July 1, 144 of these had been licensed for the preliminary term of four months, running from January 1, to May 1, which latter date is fixed by law as the anniversary of all licenses."

"During this period, preliminary licenses were issued as follows: Principal agents, 109; solicitors, ordinary, 156; solicitors, industrial, 80; brokers, 17; the fees upon which amounted to \$2,877.32. Total expenses of the Department during this period, including salaries and office furniture, were \$2,708.07. No taxes have as yet been collected. It is estimated that the receipts from these sources for 1902, will amount to \$40,000 or \$50,000."

National Life Insurance Company. The report gives detailed information relative to a number of companies which failed to qualify under the laws, and a number of assessment companies which have withdrawn from business here. He states that an examination of the "National Life Insurance Company U. S. A." is now taking place.

Mr. Drake offers several suggestions relative to the annual examination of certain companies, including the local fire insurance companies, but specifies that it ought to be done through the department without expense to the companies. He would extend the same policy to the assessment associations and the fraternal orders doing various forms of life insurance.

Attention is called to the lack of provision in the law for establishing the severity of regular life insurance companies and the necessity for issuing an official ruling to supply the lack. In conclusion, the report says:

Clerical Force Too Small.

"The work of the department has been greatly handicapped for want of sufficient clerical help, and this accounts for being behind several months in the issuance of licenses to companies, agents, and solicitors. During the last session of Congress, however, a law was passed providing for one examiner for the department, and \$600 was appropriated for extra clerk hire. In addition to these provisions there should be a statistician and a stenographer, the duties of which are explained in the accompanying estimate of appropriations for the department during 1902 and 1904."

Wants Increase of Salary.

In the schedule of estimates for the next fiscal year Mr. Drake asks for an aggregate of \$13,200 for the department. In this amount is included the increase of the salary of the superintendent from \$2,500 to \$3,500, the salary of a statistician \$1,500, a stenographer \$1,200, and a number of minor items for the conduct of the business of the department.

"The work of the department has but fairly begun," adds Mr. Drake. "The effect, however, of supervision in the District of Columbia has already been favorably felt, the duties of which is evidenced by not as many companies qualifying in 1902—principally because they could not—than in 1901."

Marine Band Concert.

The program for the concert to be given at the Capitol this evening at 8:05 o'clock, by the Marine Band, William H. Santelmann, leader, is as follows:

March, "Salute the Flag".....Pierpont, Jr.  
Overture, "Figaro".....Mozart  
Idyl, "Hearts and Flowers".....Tobias  
Waltz, "The Debutante".....Santelmann  
Excerpt from "The Bohemian Girl".....Balle  
"Pilgrim Chorus" and "Song of the Evening Star" from "Tannhauser".....Wagner  
Selection, "The Runaway Girl".....Caryl  
"Hail, Columbia".....Elyse

Baltimore County Fair, Timonium, Md.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will sell, September 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, excursion tickets Washington to Timonium and return, including admission to fair, limited to date of issue, at rate of \$2.50.

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## MATTERS OF INTEREST IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Private H. C. Hoagland, of the police force, was recently the recipient of a box of cigars from a friend, and in accordance with the rules of the department has reported the gift through his superior officer to the Commissioners. The latter have directed that he be allowed to accept the same.

The Commissioners have ordered that 205 feet of 6-inch water main be laid in V Street northwest, between First Street and Flagler Place, at an estimated cost of \$241.

The United States Electric Lighting Company have conveyed an expression of thanks to the Police Department through the Commissioners for the efforts of the force to punish the boys who broke the lamps of the company in Benning. The company stated that the matter was satisfactory to them and the hope was expressed that no further trouble from the same source would ensue.

A gutter basin will be constructed on the north side of Maryland Avenue southwest, between Fourth Street and the alley, at an estimated cost of \$50, chargeable to the appropriation for main and pipe sewers.

Lieut. F. F. McCallahan, of the Fifth police precinct, has forwarded to headquarters the sum of \$20, given to Private E. V. Wall by Louis Jorden, chief yeoman, U. S. N., for the arrest of Frank Jorden, a deserter from the navy. On recommendation of the superintendent the Commissioners have directed that 20 per cent of the amount be placed to the credit of the clothing and helmet fund, and the balance paid over to the officer making the arrest.

Two catch-basins will be constructed in Joliet Street, at the intersection of Arizona Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$180, chargeable to the appropriation for the improvement of Joliet Street.

On recommendation of Major Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, the Commissioners have directed that C. H. N. Kerby and M. K. Kerby, children of the late Sergeant Kerby, be allowed \$20 each a month from and after August 29 until each is sixteen years of age.

The amount of \$5 received by Private Wilson, of the police force, from W. S. Pendleton, secretary of the Laurel Industrial Home School, of Laurel, Va., for the arrest of Cookie Scruggs, a fugitive from that institution, will be distributed, 20 per cent to the clothing and helmet fund, and the balance in equal parts to Privates W. L. Hospital and H. N. Stevens by order of the Commissioners.

A cobble gutter will be laid on the north side of T Street northeast, between North Capitol Street and Lincoln Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$200, chargeable to current appropriation for repairs to roads.

The Commissioners have ordered that 188 feet of 6-inch water main be laid in Tenth Street, south from K Street, at an estimated cost of \$214.40, including the erection of one fire hydrant.

Suburban Cottage Building Easy and 6x20 shingles, No. 2, \$6.50, at 6th and N. Y. ave.

## WILL OF MR. PROBEY FILED FOR PROBATE

Directs His Son to Continue Carriage Business.

For Benefit of Mrs. Probeby Property to Be Divided Among Children After Her Death.

The will of James K. Probeby, dated January 14, 1897, was filed today for probate. He directs that his son, Thomas Oliver Probeby, continue the carriage and harness business, formerly conducted by the testator, for a period of ten years, at the present locations, 1230 Thirty-second Street and 3240 Prospect Street.

After deducting his salary and cost of taxes, the remainder of the income from the business is to be paid to the testator's widow, Mrs. Margaret Probeby, for life. In the event of her death within ten years, her share of the profits of the business is to be divided equally among all the children of the deceased.

In the event of Mrs. Probeby being alive at the end of ten years, the testator directs that his stock in trade and the premises upon which the business is conducted be turned over to her. Upon her death the estate of the testator is to be divided equally among his heirs.

THOMAS GRIFFIN STABBED.

Cut in Check by an Unidentified Negro Last Night.

While Thomas Griffin, forty years old, living at 3032 K Street northwest, was sitting in a chair on the porch in front of his home about 11 o'clock last night, he was stabbed by an unidentified colored man, receiving a severe wound. The knife the negro used penetrated Griffin's chest, and inflicted an ugly gash several inches in length. He was taken to Georgetown University Hospital and after receiving the necessary medical attention he returned to his home.

Griffin reported the matter to the police of the Seventh precinct. He stated that he did not know his assailant. He was alone when he was assaulted, and said that further than that the man was a negro he could give no description of him.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS AND THE ENCAMPMENT

At a meeting of Nelson A. Miles Camp, Spanish War Veterans, at their hall on E Street last night, plans of the organization were perfected for the coming G. A. R. encampment, and Philip R. Keefer, James H. Anderson, and James E. Rackett were mustered in.

Parochial School's Opening. Trinity Parochial School, on N Street, near Thirty-fifth, will reopen September 15. The classes will be in charge of the Sisters of Mercy for the first time. St. Joseph's School for Girls will reopen on the same date.

## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Showers and cooler late tonight and on Thursday; light east to south winds.

### CONDITION OF THE WATER.

Temperature and condition of the water at 8 a. m.: Great Falls—Temperature, 80; condition 27. Dalecarlia reservoir—Temperature, 79; condition at north connection, 36; condition at south connection, 39. Georgetown distributing reservoir—Temperature, 79; condition at influent gatehouse, 36; condition at effluent gatehouse, 36. Washington city reservoir—Temperature, 78; condition at influent, 36; condition at effluent, 36.

### TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. .... 74  
12 m. .... 81  
1 p. m. .... 79

### THE SUN AND THE MOON.

Sun rises, 5:26 a. m. (Sun sets, 6:33 p. m.)  
Moon rises, .... 8:39 a. m. Moon sets, .... 7:06 p. m.

### TIDE TABLE.

Low tide, 2:42 a. m. and 3:01 p. m.  
High tide, 8:39 a. m. and 9:01 p. m.

### STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today, 7:05 p. m.  
Lamps out tomorrow, 4:40 a. m.

### AMUSEMENTS.

Columbia—"St. Ann," evening.  
Academy of Music—"The Great White Diamond," evening.  
The Empire-Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York," afternoon and evening.  
Kernan's—"The Tiger Lilies," afternoon and evening.  
Lawn fete, Georgetown campus, evening.

### EXCURSIONS.

Norfolk and Washington line for Fort Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m. Chesapeake Beach—See schedules under "Railroads and Steamboats" for time.  
Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirtieth-and-a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour. Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Colonial Beach—Steamer T. V. Arrow-smith. See schedule under excursions for time.

## EXTRA DETECTIVES FOR ENCAMPMENT WEEK

Thirty Out-of-Town Sleuths Likely to Be Detailed to Duty.

Owing to the great number of persons expected in this city during the first part of October to attend the G. A. R. encampment, it is more than probable that Major Sylvester will ask for thirty additional out-of-town detectives to assist the members of the local bureau. As is usually the case during any special event, thieves of all classes will undoubtedly journey to this city from all portions of the country. The sleuths will be selected from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago and other metropolitan cities.

Cable From Attorney General Knox.

A cablegram was received at the Department of Justice last evening from Attorney General Knox, announcing briefly his arrival in France after a pleasant voyage.

Lumber Hauled to the Country and N. C. pine flooring, \$1.50, by F. Libbey & Co.

## CLAIMS DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURIES

Thomas Williams Sues Railway Company for \$20,000.

Thomas Williams, who was injured at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and Tenth Street southwest, in May last, by being struck by a steam engine, has filed suit in the Supreme Court of the District against the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway Company to recover \$25,000 as damages on account of the injuries he sustained.

Williams states that he was standing near the north track, which extends along Maryland Avenue. At the time a freight train was passing over the south track. He turned and started toward the south track, the noise of the freight train preventing him from hearing the approach of an engine along the north track, near which he had been standing. Just as he stepped upon the north track he states he was struck by the engine and several bones in his ankles and feet broken. As a result of his injuries he says that he is incapacitated to follow his trade as a carpenter. Attorneys Mackey & Mackey represent the plaintiff.

B. & O. R. R. Week-End Sea Shore Excursions.

Tickets good going on all trains Friday and Saturday, returning until Tuesday following, at rate of \$1.00 for the round trip, including City, Cape May, Sea Isle City and Ocean City, N. J.

## WILLIAM MITCHELL INHERITS \$200,000

Colored Man Believed to Be in This City.

Greensboro Police Ask Local Authorities to Locate Heir to Big North Carolina Estate.

A letter was received by Captain Boardman, Chief of Detectives, this morning from W. A. Scott, chief of police at Greensboro, N. C., asking that the local authorities locate William Mitchell, a young colored man, who has been left heir to property in Greensboro valued at \$200,000.

Chief of Police Scott states in his communication that Mitchell was born and reared in Greensboro, but lived in Richmond, Va., for a number of years. He was in Greensboro, however, up to twelve months ago, until he left, presumably, for Washington. Captain Boardman will endeavor to locate Mitchell and inform him of the good news.

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At our Toilet and Druggists' Sundries Department—First floor; main aisle.

## WE ARE SERVING OYSTERS IN OUR GROTTOS.

The month of September is the proper time to introduce this salt water food, because it has that big R in it. We serve every style to suit the most fastidious epicurean taste. Every day in our family Lunch Grotto.

Basement—Annex.

### Suit Department.

Our early fall showing of Walking and Dress Skirts. The coming season according to fashion's dictation is going to be a very large one for Separate Skirts, and for that very reason we have placed large advanced orders with the best makers in the country. Those advertised here are just a few of each kind, but sufficient in quantity to please all callers.

1 lot of Fine All-wool Cloth Skirts, for Misses and Children, ages 8 to 14 years. They come in black as well as colors. They are nicely lined and neatly trimmed. The fabric is very garment for school wear at..... \$1.98

1 lot of All-wool Tailor-made Walking Skirts for women, in black, brown, Oxford, and gray. These come in both lined and unlined. Different lengths—for..... \$2.98

An assorted lot of fine All-wool Dress and Walking Skirts, lined and unlined, either trimmed or plain, in pretty shades of gray, ecru, and black, in all lengths, at..... \$3.98

100 new New Dress and Walking Skirts, made of all-wool material, in black, navy, Oxford, and ecru blue, knit or slit-seam effect. Every size and length—\$5.00 at.....

50 fine All-wool Black Skirts. These come in extra sizes for stout folks, waist running from 28 to 34. They are extra well made and lined with soft-finished silk-faced percaleine, neatly and tastefully trimmed—\$5.98 for.....

The next is a lot of Fine All-wool Etamine and Voil Tailor-made Dress Skirts, some trimmed with attached taffeta bands, others have folds, nearly all have the extra drop skirts, every length and waistband. For..... \$7.50

One lot of Fine Cloth Skirts, consisting of Fine Black Cheviot, Covert Cloth and Etamine. The last mentioned is made with extra silk drop skirt. These come in all sizes and waistbands, and are offered at..... \$10.00

Suit Department, Second Floor.

### Wrappers

are the most comfortable home apparel made—that is our idea. If you can buy your size in a perfect-fitting kind you will always look neat. Every quality we sell, from the cheapest to the best, is dressmaker made and finished. The three new arrivals for tomorrow:

Percale Wrappers, made of good quality fast color washable material. They come in navy, black and red, with assorted neat white figured designs. They have ruffles over the shoulders, and are finished with fancy beading, deep flounce. All sizes. The \$1 kind for..... 69c

The next is a line of standard quality Percale Wrappers, neat stripes and figured patterns. They also come in assorted blues, black, grey and red, cut extra full through the hips, extra deep flounce, and made with fitted waist linings, sizes up to 46. The \$1.25 kind for..... 98c

Sea Island Percale Wrappers, in all the desired colorings, nobbly striped effects, ruffles over the shoulder, trimmed with washable embroidery very wide flounce, thoroughly dressmaker made, sizes up to 46. The \$1.69 kind for..... \$1.25

This Department is Second Floor, adjoining the Millinery.

### The Housefurnishing Department

has still a few days left to make good and give the public the best furnishing bargains ever offered. One point we failed to mention which we know isn't too late, and that is that every article which has been offered and sold is strictly first quality. You are not compelled to pay a penny more tomorrow than at the beginning of the sale. After this week the prices go back to their real worth. We advise you, if you must have some new things in your home for your visiting G. A. R. friends, this is the time to buy.

Third Floor—Housefurnishing Department.

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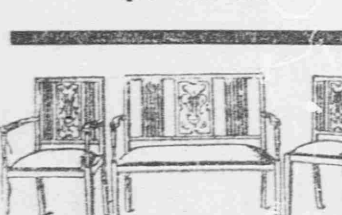
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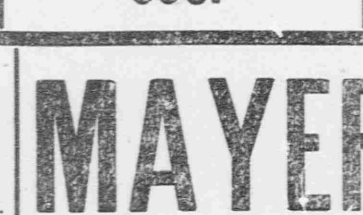
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